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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I have followed the antitrust suit against Microsoft for the past three years and feel that it is time this matter was brought to a close. Microsoft has been more than fair with regards to the settlement and I would like to see the Department of Justice finalize it as soon as possible. I am the president of my own company and have faithfully used Microsoft products. I have also used non-Microsoft software and have had no problems running it through the Windows operating system. I understand that one of the terms of the settlement is that Microsoft will have to license the internal codes to Windows that will allow competitors to design software that is compatible to Windows. Obviously there are companies who have accomplished this without going to court because I use non-Microsoft software and it runs fine.

I feel that this issue has turned into more of a political issue than an economic one. The government has wasted millions of tax dollars on this suit when there are more pressing issues at hand. This suit has become a way for other companies such as AOL to use Microsoft as a stepping-stone. They are taking advantage of what Microsoft has done because they were unable to do it themselves.

I have always been under the impression that this country is one who supports free enterprise, yet this suit has not backed that philosophy up. There will soon be a chance for the Justice Department to finalize the settlement that has been reached and I hope they do. Thank-you.

Sincerely,



Kenway Mead
President